MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : (*a*) Two in the Chemistry Section and two in the Physics Section.

(*b*) For want of duly qualified lady candidates.

(*c*) Two ladies are studying for the M. A., at present.

Edappalli-Muvattupuzha road.

141. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when the estimate for the Edappalli-Muvattupuzha road was sanctioned ;

(*b*) when the work was started ;

(*c*) the amount spent for it ; and

(*d*) whether it is a cart road at present ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) 17-5-1926.

(*b*) 1100 M. E.

(*c*) Rs. 8,638-17-1.

(*d*) Yes.

Edappalli-Parur road.

142. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Edappalli-Parur road has been sanctioned;

(*b*) if so, when it was sanctioned :

(*c*) whether the first section of its work is over ;

(*d*) whether there is any representation to finish the second section of it, so as to meet the Edappalli-Perandoor road ;

(*e*) whether any action has been taken in the matter ;

(*f*) if not, the reason for it ;

(*g*) whether the second section of it has been surveyed through another way ;

(*h*) the expenditure for the second section of the present surveyed line ;

(*i*) the expense for the second section of the road from Cheranalloor (Cochin State) to the Edappalli-Perandoor road ; and

(*j*) whether there is any village road along the said line ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes, the portion from Parur to Varapuzha.

(*b*) In 1927.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) This line falls mostly within the Cochin territory.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) Rs. 38,080.

(*i*) This can be known only after an investigation.

(*j*) Yes, but it is not maintained by Government.

Cattle pound at Edappalli.

143. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

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(*a*) whether a cattle pound be opened at Edappalli;

(*b*) whether there was any representation for the same; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the action taken by the Government?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Government have sanctioned the opening of a cattle pound at Edappalli.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The pound has not been opened as the proposed site and the building have not yet been handed over to the *Swaroopam* by the Excise Department.

Cattle pound at Trikkakara.

144. ***MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was any representation to open a cattle pound at Trikkakara; and

(*b*) if so, what action was taken by the Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*).

(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the above answer.

Caste-war statement of clerks in Revenue Office.

145. ***MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a caste-war statement of the clerks in the Taluk Offices and Division Peishkars' Offices of the State?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): A *statement containing the required particulars is laid on the table.

Dilapidated School Buildings.

146. ***MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR** (*Vaikam*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of the dilapidated Government schools in the State which require immediate attention from the Government?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(i) whether the Director has brought to the notice of Government this building problem and submitted any suggestions to meet this difficulty; and

(ii) if the answer to part (i) is in the affirmative, the action taken thereon?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) The list is laid on the table.

(*b*) (i) Yes.

(ii) Necessary repairs are effected in the order of urgency and to the extent funds are available.

Workshops, Trivandrum.

147. ***MR. G. NILAKANTAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the value of articles turned out from the Headquarters Workshops at Trivandrum;

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